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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Remarks

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

Claims 12, 16, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,919,898 to Nakatani ("Nakatani"). Claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakatani, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,817,528 to Böhm ("Böhm").

Solely to expedite allowance of this application, claims 12, 16 and 17-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 11 and 13-15 were cancelled previously. Applicants will pursue these claims in a related application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-6, and 8-10 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, and 7-9 of co-pending Application No. 11/153,524. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer.

Allowance of claims 1-6, and 8-10 is respectfully solicited.

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